

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
 County Clerk
 County of: Alameda

From: (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

10/29/2022

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Creek Restoration along Zone 5 Line D between Cherry Street and Union Pacific Railroad in
 Project Title: Newark, Alameda County

Project Applicant: Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

The proposed project is located on the Zone 5 Line D storm drainage channel between Cherry Street and the Union Pacific Railroad, adjacent to Ohlone College Newark Campus.

Project Location – City: Newark Project Location – County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves restoring approximately 2,700 ft. long section of Zone 5 Line D to a more natural state by constructing a meandering low flow channel within a wider flood plain and planting native riparian vegetation. Existing gravel access road on westerly side of channel will be reconstructed to provide adequate vehicular access for maintenance. A 20-ft. wide prefabricated bridge would be installed across restored channel near the downstream limit of the project to provide maintenance vehicle access and a crossing location for the Alameda County Water District domestic water supply pipelines. Existing drainage outfalls to channel would be modified to conform to the restored channel alignment. Existing rock riprap will be salvaged and reused in the project to secure the toe of slope. Purpose of this project is to restore constructed channel to a more natural meandering creek with increased habitat values, minimize potential of future embankment instability, and reduce maintenance over time while providing flood protection. Restored channel will become an added feature to the Ohlone College environmental education program.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301(d)
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project constitutes restoring a segment of an existing flood control channel to meet current standards of public health and safety involving negligible expansion of use.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Evelyn E. Maginnity

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Andrea Scharffer Date: 10/30/2022 Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code